

Memory → contiguous allocation
→ non-contiguous allocation

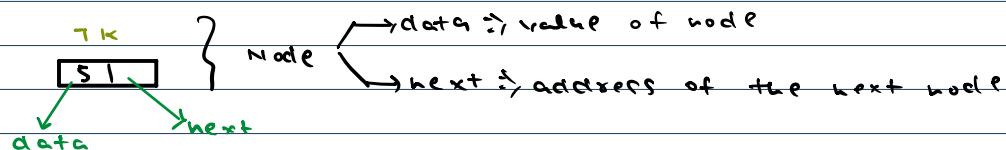
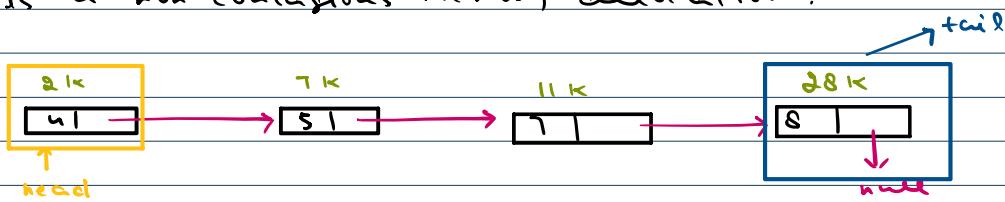


Linked List

It is a linear data structure.

where elements (called nodes) are connected through references.

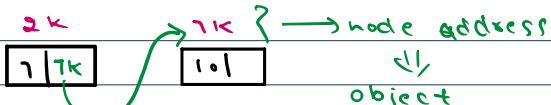
It is a non-contiguous memory allocation.



Characteristics

1. Non-contiguous memory allocation
2. Dynamic memory allocation
3. No element shifting (insert/delete)
4. Sequential access
5. Extra memory overhead

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class Node {
    int data;
    Node next;
}
```



}

Linked List operations → add
→ remove
→ set

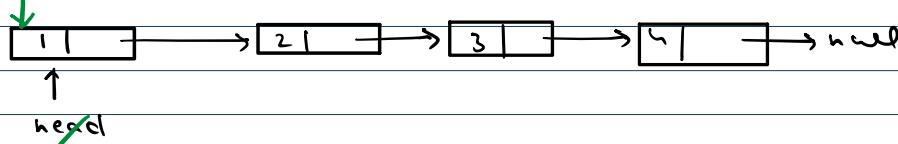
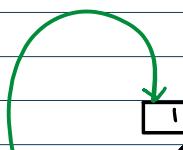
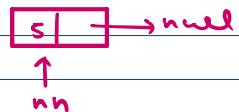
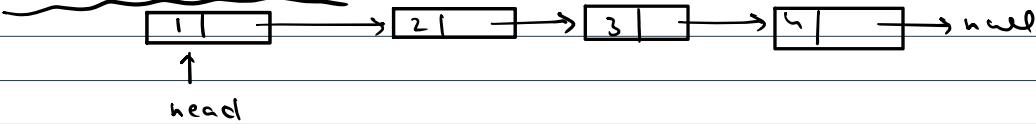
add first → is empty

add first

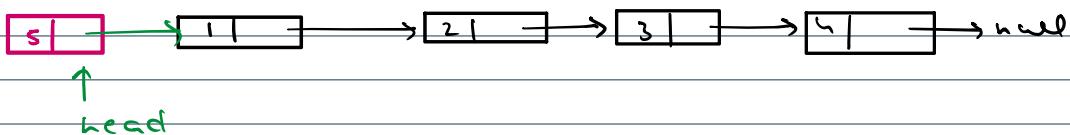
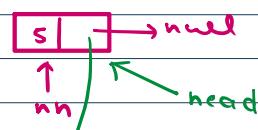
if empty

if not empty

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$nn.next = head$
 $head = nn$



if empty

$head = null$
 $tail = null$



$head = nn$
 $tail = nn$

add last

if empty

if not empty

if empty

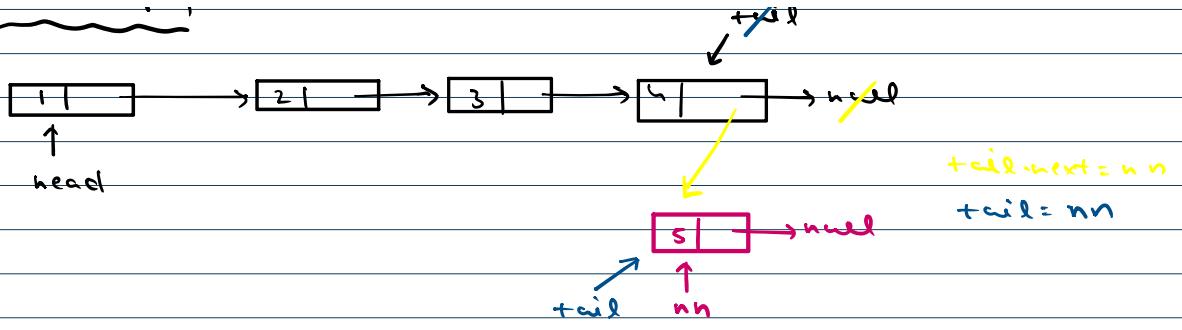
$head = null$
 $tail = null$



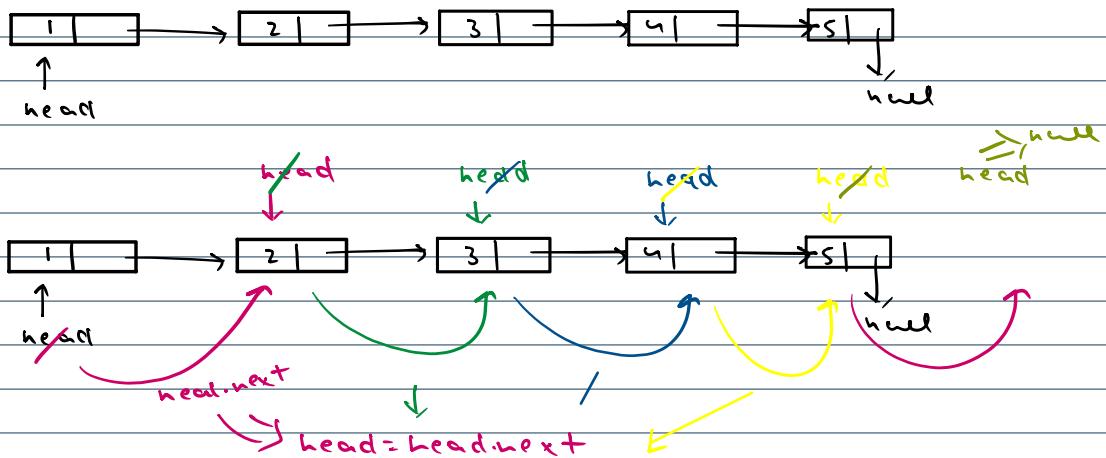
$head = nn$
 $tail = nn$

if not empty



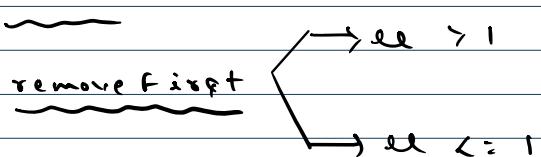


display ll

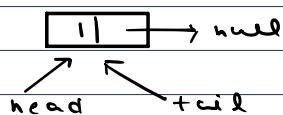


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while(head != null) {
    print(head.val)
    head = head.next
}
```

remove

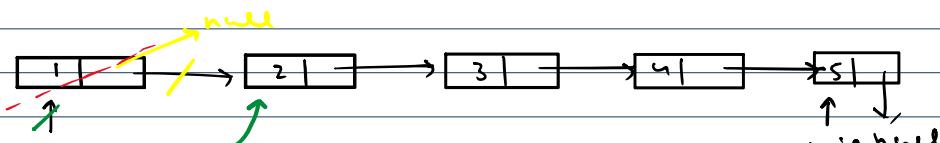


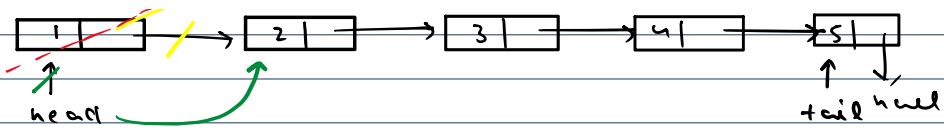
ll <= 1



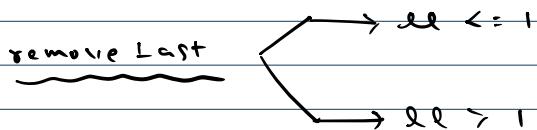
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{head} = \text{null} \\ \text{tail} = \text{null} \end{array} \right.$

ll > 1



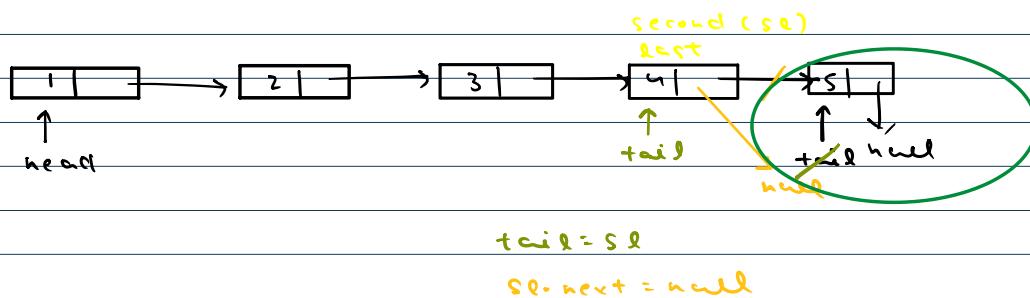


ll <= 1
 $hn = \text{head}$
 $\text{head} = \text{head}.next$
 $hn.next = \text{null}$

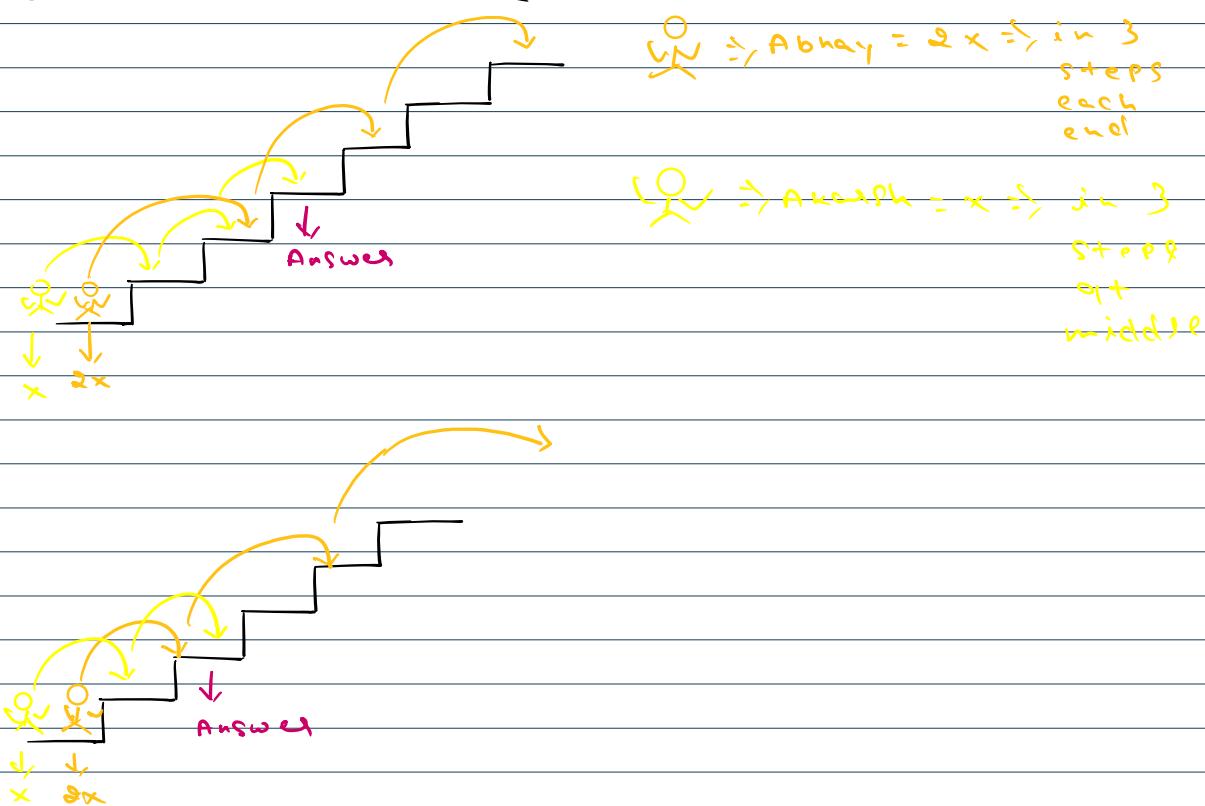


ll <= 1 \Rightarrow removeFirst() \Rightarrow tail = null
 $\text{head} = \text{null}$

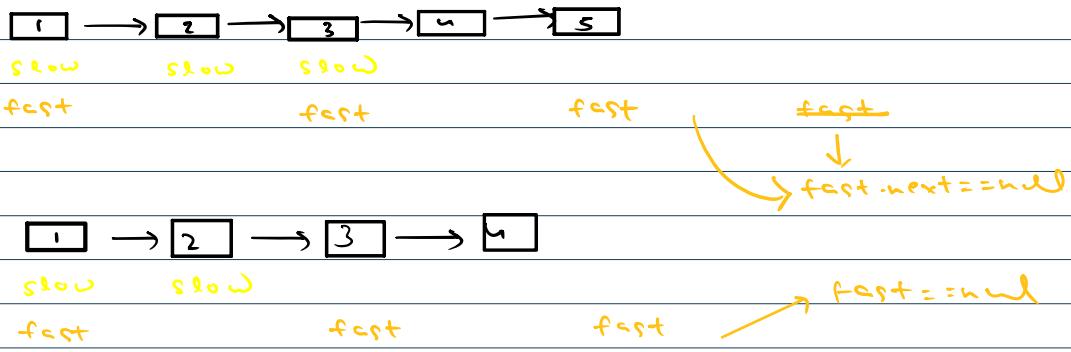
ll > 1



middle of the linked list

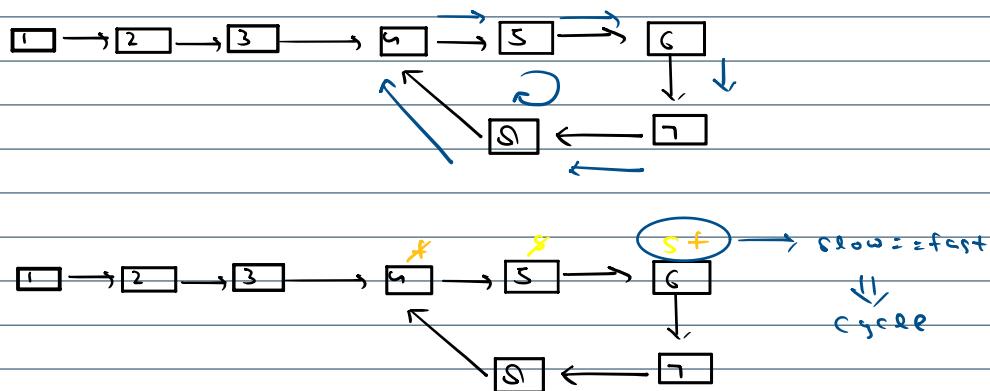


X 2x



```
class Solution {
    public ListNode middleNode(ListNode head) {
        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while(fast != null && fast.next != null){
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next.next;
        }
        return slow;
    }
}
```

Linked List Cycle



f → 2x

s → x

```
public class Solution {
    public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {
        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while(fast != null && fast.next != null){
            fast = fast.next.next;
            slow = slow.next;
            if(slow == fast){
                return true;
            }
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

